गूजरों के पुनर्वास के लिए जरूरी कार्रवाई की जाए। यह स्कीम इस समय उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

वर्तमान स्थिति: वर्षों से गूजरों की आबादी और उनके पशुओं की संख्या बढ़ी है। यह सूचित किया गया है कि पथरी में निर्मित मकानों में 60 परिवारों को कब्जा दिया गया। अन्य को भी कब्जा दिए जाने की आशा है।

Aid for book promotion activities

*586. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of aid given for book promotion activities and financial assistance given to voluntary organisations during 1996-97;

(b) whether any publisher of Andhra Pradesh has been granted assistance for organising training courses, seminars, workshops, etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) Details of aid given by the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Education for book promotion activities to voluntary organisations during 1996-97 are as follows:

Sl.	Name of Organisation	Amount Sanctioned	Purpose
1.	Authors Guild of India, New Delhi.	Rs. 51,244/-	For organising 26th National Convention on Indian Authors.
2.	National Law School of Indian University, Bangalore.	Rs. 3,00,000/-	For organising 8-day Refresher Course on Intellectual Property Law & Practice for teachers of engineering and Law institutions.
3.	Indian Society of Authors, New Delhi.	Rs. 40,875/-	For organising seminar-cum-workshop on books for Neo-literates/rural children.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of caprolactam in India

*587. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the production of caprolactam in India, unit-wise, for the last three years;

(b) whether the cost of production has increased and the sale price has reduced;

(c) whether it is a fact that the reduction in import duty of caprolactam affected its production and sales; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to improve the condition of caprolactam unit of FACT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA) (a) The production of caprolactam in India unit-wise, for the last three years is given below:

(Matric Tonnes)

Company	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97
G S F C	54037	65651	64000*
F A C T	43440	47098	41958

*Estimated

(b) The information relating cost of production of a particular unit is matter of confidentiality for commercial reasons. Import of ammonia which is a key input for manufacture of caprolactam is fully exempted from import duty which was 40% prior to budget 1997-98. This should entail reduction in manufacturing cost. The domestic selling price of about Rs. 68000 per MT is stable since July 1996. The domestic manufacturers are adopting pro active sales policies by aligning their prices to prevailing international prices to retain their market share.

(c) and (d) FACT has stated that their production and sales were generally not affected by reduction in customs duty. The decline in production in (a) above is stributed to power restrictions imposed by the State Govoernment. GSFC the other producer has stated that they have been able to maintain production level. Higher availability of power would help attain higher level of production by FACT, thereby reducing cost of production and realising better margins.

Clearance to nitro-phosphate project at Hazira

*588. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee of Public Investment Board had given the first stage clearance in June, 1994 for a nitro-phosphate project at Hazira by KRIBHCO;

(b) whether the second stage clearance was given by PIB in June, 1996;

(c) whether environmental clearance was also accorded;

(d) whether the PIB had recommended the project to CCEA for approval; and

(e) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Nitro-phosphate / calcium Ammonium Nitrate project of Krishak Bharati Cooperative limited (KRIBHCO) was accorded 1st stage clearance on 26.5.94 and 2nd stage clearance on 30.1.96.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Before the proposal could be submitted for final investment approval of the Government, the Board of Directors of KRIBHCO reassessed the project parameters, notably those relating to the realisation of the projected ammonia surplus and the relative advantage in the sale of merchant ammonia. In the light of this review, it was decided to drop the proposal.

Transparency in Railway purchases

*589. SMT. ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he had stated that in order to bring transparency in the purchases undertaken by railways and to remove the scope for corruption he has planned to organise exhibitions notifying the charges paid for the various commodities purchased or to be purchased by the railways; and

(b) if so, the details of the centres proposed to be opened by the various